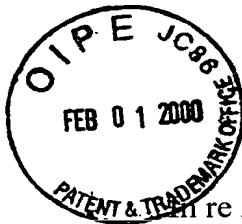


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE DRAWING:**

Please substitute the enclosed sheet of drawings for FIG. 6 as filed with the application.

**REMARKS**

FIG. 6, as filed with the application on December 2, 1999, inadvertently displayed the arrows pointing in an upward direction. The arrows should have been pointing in a

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